

SANDY URBAN DISTRICT

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR

1952

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
THE SANDY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report upon the Health, Vital Statistics and Sanitary Conditions for the Sandy Urban District for 1952.

The death rate for the year, 10.8, was the lowest recorded since 1942 and was considerably lower than that for England and Wales. Of the 47 deaths, 24 were due to disease of the heart and circulatory system and 17 were due to cancer. The birth rate of 11.5 is the lowest ever recorded in the district and is very much lower than the rate of 15.3 for the whole country. After a somewhat high infant mortality rate in 1951, it is pleasing to record that there were no deaths of infants under the age of one year in 1952.

Of the 195 notifications of infectious disease received during the year, 174 were in respect of cases of measles. No cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis were notified.

I have to thank the Clerk of the Council and the Sanitary Inspector for their continued help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. HARVEY,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ... ... ...	4362
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population ... ...	3665
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1952 ... ...	1214
Rateable Value ... ... ... ...	£21,189
Sum represented by a penny rate ... ... ...	£70 6s. 2d.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

### Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ... ...	22	19	41
Illegitimate ... ...	0	1	1
	—	—	—
	22	20	42

Birth Rate per 1000 home population	... 11.5
Birth Rate for England and Wales ...	... 15.3

### Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ... ...	1	1	2
Illegitimate ... ...	0	0	0
	—	—	—
	1	1	2

Still Birth Rate per 1000 total births ...	... 45.4
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales ...	... 22.6

### Deaths

	Males	Females	Total
All causes ... ...	29	18	47
Death Rate per 1000 home population	...	...	10.8
Death Rate for England and Wales ...	...	...	11.3

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :

From Sepsis ...	... 0
From other causes ...	... 0
	—
Total ...	0

### Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ... ...	0	0	0
Illegitimate ... ...	0	0	0
	—	—	—
	0	0	0

Rate for all infants per 1000 live births	... —
Rate for England and Wales ...	... 27.6

## Deaths from :

Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	—	...	...	...	—
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—
Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	17

## CAUSES OF DEATH

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics.

Cause of Death	Males		Females
	All Causes	29	18
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	—	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	...	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	...	—	—
4. Diphtheria	...	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	...	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	...	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis	...	—	—
8. Measles	...	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	1	—
11. Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	...	1	—
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	—	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	—	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	8	—	3
15. Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	—	—
16. Diabetes	...	—	—
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	—	4
18. Coronary disease, angina	8	—	2
19. Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	1
20. Other heart disease	3	—	1
21. Other circulatory disease	—	—	—
22. Influenza	—	—	—
23. Pneumonia	—	—	—
24. Bronchitis	—	—	—
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—	—
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—	—
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	—	—	—
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	—	1
33. Motor vehicle accidents	—	—	—
34. All other accidents	1	—	1
35. Suicide	—	—	—
36. Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—

## STATISTICAL TABLE, 1942-1952

Year	Death Rate		Birth Rate		Infant Mortality Rate	
	Sandy U.D.	England & Wales	Sandy U.D.	England & Wales	Sandy U.D.	England & Wales
1942	8.2	11.6	17.1	15.8	0.0	49
1943	12.9	12.1	19.2	16.5	73.5	49
1944	18.1	11.6	24.2	17.6	45.4	46
1945	12.8	11.4	18.5	16.1	30.7	46
1946	13.2	11.5	19.6	19.1	44.1	43
1947	15.1	12.0	18.6	20.5	46.0	41
1948	12.5	10.8	18.0	17.9	31.7	34
1949	11.0	11.8	14.8	16.7	18.5	32
1950	12.3	11.6	18.4	15.8	31.7	29.8
1951	12.3	12.5	16.9	15.5	32.3	29.6
1952	10.8	11.3	11.5	15.3	—	27.6

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

### Public Health Officers—

Medical Officer of Health—

C. A. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector—

R. W. Settle, A.I.A.S., A.R.S.I.

### Laboratory Facilities

The services of the Public Health Laboratory Department of Pathology, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, is available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The Laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from cases of suspected infectious disease, and advice and assistance is always available.

A similar service is now available at the Public Health Laboratory which has been established at the Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), Bedford.

### Ambulance Facilities

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from Hospitals or Clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.

The service is also available for the transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County :—

Biggleswade ... Crab Lane ... Tel.—Biggleswade 2295  
Bedford ... Dents Road ... Bedford 5335 & 5336

### Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services

The County Council is responsible for this service under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946. The service is free, and in the District there is one Nurse Midwife available.

District	Name and Address of Nurse	Tel. No.
Sandy	Miss H. W. Pearce,	Sandy 105
Tempsford	68 St. Neots Road,	
Blunham	Sandy, Beds.	
Mogerhanger		

### Clinics and Treatment Centres

#### Child Welfare

Church Room, Sandy—Every alternate Thursday afternoon.

#### Venereal Disease

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing. The days and times of attendance are :

Males	Monday to Friday	4—8 p.m.
Females	Monday and Tuesday	6 p.m.
	Wednesday	5—7 p.m.
	Thursday	5 p.m.
	Friday	3—5 p.m.

#### Tuberculosis

The Chest Clinic, Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. The days and times of attendance are :

Monday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Refills (A.P. and P.P.)
Tuesday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	{ Women and children—new
	2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	{ and old patients
Wednesday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Contacts
	2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Old patients—male and female
Thursday	9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Males—old and new patients
Friday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Refills (A.P. and P.P.)
	2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Special cases

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity. The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories of a sample sent for examination on 25th September, 1951, is typical.

### Chemical Results in parts per Million

Appearance—Bright, with a very few mineral particles.

Turbidity—less than 3.

Colour	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Odour	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Reaction pH.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.3
Free Carbon Dioxide	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Electric Conductivity	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	410
Total Solids	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275
Chlorine present as Chloride	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190
Hardness—Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205
Carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190
Non-Carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Nitrate Nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen	.....	.....	.....	.....	Less than	0.01
Ammoniacal Nitrogen*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.012
Albuminoid Nitrogen*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.000
Metals	.....	.....	.....	.....	Iron	0.03
Other Metals	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Absent
Oxygen absorbed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.05
Residual Chlorine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Absent

\* To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

### Bacteriological Results

Number of Colonies developing on Agar per cc. or ml. in

1 day at 37 degs. C	.....	.....	.....	0 per ml.
2 days at 37 degs. C	.....	.....	.....	0 per ml.
3 days at 20 degs. C.	.....	.....	.....	1 per ml.
Presumptive coli—aerogenes Reaction	.....	.....	.....	Absent from 100 ml.
Bact. coli (type 1)	.....	.....	.....	" " 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	.....	.....	.....	" " 100 ml.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and from metals apart from a negligible trace of iron. The water is hard in character but not unduly so and it contains no excess of salinity or mineral constituents in solution. It is of the highest standard of organic quality.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are consistent with a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

### (a) General Statistics

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1952

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths registered
Scarlet Fever	...	1	—
Dysentery ...	...	1	—
Pneumonia	...	4	—
Measles ...	...	174	3
Whooping Cough	...	15	—

## Analysis of Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year ended 31st December, 1952

## (b) Individual Disease

### Scarlet Fever

One case only was notified.

### Dysentery

One case was notified.

### Measles

One hundred and seventy four cases were notified. No deaths occurred.

### Whooping Cough

Fifteen cases were notified. There were no deaths.

### Pneumonia

Four cases were notified.

### Cleansing of Verminous People. Scabies Order, 1941

Treatment for infected persons is available at the Borough Treatment Centre, Bedford, by arrangement with the Borough of Bedford. No persons received treatment during the year.

### Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria

The figures given below show the number of children under 15 years of age who have received protective treatment against Diphtheria, and have been given by the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer. It is still necessary to urge all parents to give their children the protection which can be had free of cost from their own doctor or at a Welfare Clinic or at school.

Since the introduction of immunisation throughout the country, there has been a remarkable decline in the number of cases and deaths from Diphtheria, and, in many of the smaller areas, no cases have occurred for several years with the result that the seriousness of the disease tends to be forgotten. Should the percentage of children protected against the disease decline, there is a danger that diphtheria may once more take its toll of child life.

## I. Primary Immunisation during the year 1952

Number of children during the year 1952 who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation in the Authority's Area (including temporary residents).

Age at 31.12.52, i.e. born in year	Under 1 1952	1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	5—9 1943—47	10—14 1938—42	Total under 15
Number Immunised	25	25	...	...	...	16	6	72

## II. Diphtheria Notifications and Deaths in relation to Immunisation

Age at date of notification	Number of cases notified	No. of cases included in preceding column in which child had completed full course of Immunisat'n	Age at date of Death	Number of Deaths	No. of cases included in preceding column in which child had completed full course of Immunisat'n
Under 1	...	...	Under 1	...	...
1	...	...	1	...	...
2	...	...	2	...	...
3	...	...	3	...	...
4	...	...	4	...	...
5—9	...	...	5—9	...	...
10—14	...	...	10—14	...	...
Totals	...	NIL	Totals	...	NIL

## TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases, and the number of deaths in their age groups.

### Age Distribution of Cases and Deaths

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified and the number of deaths for the years 1942-1952.

	New Cases			Deaths		
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmon'y	Total	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmon'y	Total
1942	3	...	3	...	...	...
1943	...	1	1	1	1	2
1944	2	1	3	2	2	4
1945	1	2	3	...	...	...
1946	3	...	3	1	1	2
1947	2	...	2	...	...	...
1948	1	2	3	...	...	...
1949	6	1	7	2	...	2
1950	1	1	2	...	...	...
1951	3	1	4	...	...	...
1952	2	...	2	...	...	...

# REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR FOR THE YEAR 1952

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary Conditions.

## 1. Drainage and Sewerage

The town is sewered along the main streets. The sewer runs from the Station Bridge, along High Street, Bedford Road, and a portion of London Road, with branches from St. Swithun's Way, Cambridge Road, Pleasant Place, Park Road, King's Road, The Avenue, Fuller's Cafe, Laburnum Road, Church Path, Queen's Road and South Road. A second sewer runs from Brickhill Road across the Roads into St. Neots Road opposite the Council Offices and connects to the first sewer at the junction of St. Neots Road and Bedford Road, and has a branch from Northcroft. A third commences at the Council Offices and runs north along St. Neots Road, West Road to South Road, and through the gardens of West Road to London Road, connecting to number one opposite All Saints Church, with branches from Longfield Road, East Road and South Road. A fourth commences in St. Neots Road approximately opposite East Road and runs north to London Road then South in London Road, where it connects with the first sewer at Hamlet End Farm, with a branch from Carter Street. From London Road opposite Hamlet End Farm the sewage is conveyed in a 15" main to the Sewage Disposal Works.

Swaden, Stratford Road, Station Road, Ivel Road, Tempsford Road, Beeston Green and Seddington are not sewered.

The sewer was extended to Mill Lane and the High Road, Beeston, during the year.

## 2. Rivers and Streams

The Ivel Internal Drainage Board undertake the cleaning of all streams. The Council during the year trimmed over two miles of ditches.

## 3. Closet Accommodation

1,067 Houses connected to sewer. 87 Houses with water closets connected to septic tanks. 78 Houses with pails.

### Conversions from Pails to Water Closets

1945 ... 1	1947 ... 20	1949 ... 1	1951 ... —
1946 ... 3	1948 ... 15	1950 ... 1	1952 ... 51

## 4. Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse and the emptying of pails is carried out by the Council's workmen. The work is generally satisfactory. The emptying of cesspools is carried out by contract.

The following is a summary of the work carried out during the year :

Total number of visits made	.....	.....	80,776
Ashbins emptied	.....	.....	67,810
Privies emptied	.....	.....	—
Cesspools emptied	.....	.....	14
Pail Closets emptied	.....	.....	12,952
Loads of refuse and night soil removed	.....	.....	764

Street Gullies are emptied regularly and street scavenging is done weekly.

The following table shows the quantities of salvage sold during the year :

	T	C	Q	£	s.	d.
Mixed iron and non-ferrous						
metals	.....	4	15	3	50	6 11
Kitchen waste (pig food)	.....	59	19	0	179	17 0
Paper	.....	3	10	1	35	8 6
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	68	5	0	£265	12 5

## 5. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Inspections for housing defects	.....	.....	—	52
Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....	.....	—	71
Statutory Notices (Housing Acts)	.....	.....	—	—
Statutory Notices (Public Health Acts)	.....	.....	—	—
Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit at service of formal notices :				
(a) By owner	.....	.....	—	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	.....	.....	—	—
Number of Informal Notices	.....	.....	—	17
Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	.....	.....	—	17
Sanitary routine inspections	.....	.....	—	334
Statutory Notices (Public Health Acts)—Nuisance	.....	.....	—	1
" " Complied with	.....	.....	—	1
Informal Notices (Public Health Acts)—Nuisances	.....	.....	—	15
" " Abated	.....	.....	—	15
Dairies and cowsheds	.....	.....	—	10
Infectious diseases and disinfection	.....	.....	—	1

## 6. Shops

No action with regard to shops was found necessary.

## 7. Smoke Abatement

No action was necessary.

## 8. Eradication of Bed Bugs

No cases reported.

## 9. Factories and Workshops

There are 43 Factories and Workshops on the Register and 98 visits have been made.

Builders	....	13	Electrician	....	1
Joiners	....		Millers	....	3
Painters	....		Motor Engineers	....	6
Plumbers	....		Printers	....	1
Bakers	....	5	Saddlers	....	2
Basket Maker	....	1	Stone Mason	....	1
Blacksmith	....	1	Tailor	....	1
Boot Repairers	....	4	Radio Engineers	....	3
Cycle Repairers	....	2	Coach Builder	....	1
Gas Works	....	1	Clothing Factory	....	1

## Administration of the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

### Part I of the Act

### INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Ocupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorites ... ...	13	30	...	...
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority ... ...	32	72	...	...
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ...	...	...	...	...
Total ... ...	45	102	...	...

## Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...	...
Inadequate Ventilation ...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient ...	...	...	...	...	...
(b) Unsuitable or def'tive ...	...	...	...	...	...
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against the Act not including offences relating to outwork ...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...

## Part VIII of the Act

### OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1)c	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises
Wearing apparel making, etc	9	...	...	...

### Section 111

*Notices served—NIL.*

*Prosecutions—NIL.*

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

#### (a) Milk Supply

4 Persons are registered under the Milk and Dairies Order.  
 2 Cowkeepers and wholesale Purveyors of Milk.  
 2 Retail Purveyors only.

#### (b) Meat and Other Foods

The slaughtering of animals for the sale of human consumption in this area was discontinued on 15th January, 1940, under the Livestock (Restriction on Slaughtering) Order, 1940.

Shops, vehicles and places where food is prepared have been duly inspected and found to be in good order.

Voluntary surrender of the undermentioned foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption has been made, with the exception of imported and home-killed meat, the foodstuffs was either destroyed or salvaged for animal food.

Imported and Home-killed Meat	.....	.....	142 lbs.
Canned Fruit and Vegetables	.....	.....	36 cans
Canned Meat	.....	.....	9 cans
Cheese	.....	.....	30 lbs.

### (c) Ice Cream

Five premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream. It is purchased from reputable manufacturers. Ice cream is not manufactured in the Urban District.

### Sewage Disposal Works

There are now 1,067 houses connected to the sewer. Extensions during the year include Mill Lane, The Baulk and The High Road, Beeston. The majority of the houses along the High Road have now been connected up to the sewer. The sewage from The Baulk and the High Road are forced over the River Ivel by means of two electric motors, automatic float control and squirrel cage type pumps situated in The Baulk.

The motors and pumps have given excellent results, and require the minimum of attention.

The sewage arrives at the works 13' 3" below ground level, and forced to the Continuous Flow Tanks by two Mirlees-Watson Electric Motors and centrifugal pumps. The motors have given an excellent performance, and the attention required was very small. The motors are automatic and are governed by electrodes.

Several samples of the effluent were taken during the year and submitted to the Counties Public Health Laboratories for examination, the analysis of which proved satisfactory.

### Summary of Electricity Consumed

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January	.....	829	975	862	797	755	1070	949
February	.....	792	927	760	684	852	1130	867
March	.....	997	938	785	750	774	1248	1203
April	.....	892	1115	758	735	842	1264	1048
May	.....	987	884	930	874	933	1162	1132
June	.....	941	850	898	767	858	1115	979
July	.....	1050	854	762	730	1320	1080	995
August	.....	517	1068	649	909	694	1050	1077
September	.....	880	1115	631	824	608	880	932
October	.....	971	1006	596	812	851	853	863
November	.....	766	1109	627	782	789	1020	1083
December	.....	901	1054	702	784	761	824	935
								1473

## Rainfall

Month	Total	Greatest Rainfall in 24 hours			No. of days with	
		Inches	Date	.01 or over	.04 or over	
January .....	1.09	.19	4	14	10	
February .....	.47	.21	10	16	4	
March .....	2.47	.39	6	18	14	
April .....	.99	.19	7	12	8	
May .....	2.60	1.11	4	13	9	
June .....	2.23	1.45	13	13	8	
July .....	.43	.22	11	5	3	
August .....	3.28	1.03	6	13	10	
September .....	2.00	.61	30	12	12	
October .....	1.80	.41	31	15	12	
November .....	2.28	.49	21	15	12	
December .....	1.78	.36	20	16	9	
	21.44			152	111	

## COUNCIL HOUSING

The following is a summary of the various defects, etc., which have been dealt with in connection with the Council's Houses.

### Summary of Repairs

Baths repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Copper (brick) supplied and fixed .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Copper (brick) repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Portable coppers supplied and fixed .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Portable coppers repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Copper lids supplied .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Electric coppers supplied .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
Electric coppers repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
Ceilings renewed .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Ceilings repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Chimney stacks and flues repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Chimney pots provided and fixed .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Chimney cowls (new) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Cupboards repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
W.C. Cisterns (new) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
W.C. Cisterns adjusted .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131
Decorations, internal or lime washing .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Doors (new) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Doors eased and repaired .....	.....	.....	}	.....	263
Door furniture repaired or renewed .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
Door hoods repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Door steps repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Dust bins .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
Draining boards (new) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Draining boards repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
Electric ovens repaired .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0

Electrical defects	....	....	....	....	11
Drains re-laid	....	....	....	....	0
Drains repaired	....	....	....	....	4
Drains unblocked	....	....	....	....	126
Eaves, gutters, R.W.P., cleansed or repaired	....	....	....	....	91
Floors re-laid	—	—	—	....	3
Floors repaired	....	....	....	....	25
Fences renewed or repaired	....	....	....	....	17
Gully surrounds	....	....	....	....	4
Gas cookers (new)	....	....	....	....	0
Gas cookers repaired	....	....	....	....	1
Hot water systems	....	....	....	....	54
Lavatory basins (new)	....	....	....	....	0
Lavatory basins repaired	....	....	....	....	0
Man-hole covers renewed	....	....	....	....	0
Man-hole covers repaired	....	....	....	....	2
Painting, externally	....	....	....	....	0
Plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	24
Pavements (new)	....	....	....	....	1
Pavements repaired	....	....	....	....	6
Picture rails repaired	....	....	....	....	0
Stoves and ranges (new)	....	....	....	....	1
Stoves and ranges repaired	....	....	....	....	81
Registers (tile), new	....	....	....	....	0
Registers (tile) repaired	....	....	....	....	12
Rain water tanks (new)	....	....	....	....	0
Rain water tanks repaired	....	....	....	....	2
Refrigerators repaired	....	....	....	....	0
Roofs, ridges, etc. repaired	....	....	....	....	47
Roughcasting repaired	....	....	....	....	4
Sinks (new)	....	....	....	....	0
Sinks repaired	....	....	....	....	36
Sink and bath wastes, etc. unblocked	....	....	....	....	20
Skirting boards repaired	....	....	....	....	25
Taps (bib), new	....	....	....	....	20
Taps (stop), new	....	....	....	....	1
Taps washered, re-seated or packed	....	....	....	....	130
Soil pipes and vent shafts repaired	....	....	....	....	0
Stairs and stair rails repaired	—	—	—	....	0
Soak-aways provided and cleared	....	....	....	....	31
Windows (steel) repaired	....	....	....	....	6
Windows (steel) new	....	....	....	....	0
Windows (wood) new	....	....	....	....	0
Windows (wood) repaired	....	....	....	....	100
Water services repaired	....	....	....	....	117
Water closet pedestals, new	....	....	....	....	0
Water closet pedestals repaired	....	....	....	....	4
Water closet seats, new	....	....	....	....	9
Water closet seats repaired	....	....	....	....	2
Water closet flush pipes	....	....	....	....	9

Steps	---	---	---	---	---	1
Miscellaneous.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51

### Council Houses Painted

1946	...	14	1950	...	65
1947	...	69	1951	...	67
1948	...	48	1952	...	NIL
1949	...	91			

### Number of Houses owned by the Council

1945	...	225	1949	...	330
1946	...	235 (10 pre-fab. bungalows)	1950	...	340
1947	...	243	1951	...	356
1948	...	301	1952	...	376

### Number of Houses erected during the year

	Local Authority		Private
1946	... 10 (prefab. bungalows)	...	2
1947	... 8	...	2
1948	... 58	...	3
1949	... 29	...	5
1950	... 10	...	7
1951	... 16	...	2
1952	... 20	...	8

### Plans submitted during the year

#### APPROVED

Dwelling Houses—(a) Local Authority	...	...	NIL
(b) Private	...	...	11
(c) Buildings converted to dwellings	...	...	1
(d) Additions	...	...	3
Public Conveniences	...	...	1
Shop Fronts	...	...	2
Agricultural and Horticultural Buildings	...	...	5
Garages	...	...	3
Fire Station	...	...	1
Territorial Army Hut	...	...	1
Caravans	...	...	1
Electrical Installations	...	...	2
Advertisements	...	...	3

Seed Drying Store—Dealt with 1953

#### REFUSED

Dwellings—Additions	...	...	...	1
Filling Station	...	...	...	1

## Civil Building Control

In August, 1945, Local Authorities were requested to undertake the licensing of building work within certain limits, under Defence Regulation 56A, also the granting of licenses for private builders to erect houses. The following table shows the Building Licences issued during the year under review.

Number of Licences granted for the erection of dwelling houses	...	...	...	11
			Value £20,918	0s. 0d.

Number of Licences granted for the repair, additions and extensions of dwelling-houses	4
	Value £846 0s. 0d.

## Surveyor's Inspections

Housing Sites	...	...	...	...	203
Individual Houses in course of construction	...	...	...	...	1734
New Streets and Sewers	...	...	...	...	—
Alterations and Extensions to existing property	...	...	...	...	73
Civil Building Licences (visits in connection with)	...	...	...	...	4
Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	296

## Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public swimming baths or pools in this district.

## New Streets and Sewers

There were no extensions to the roads during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their consideration and support extended to me during the year, and to Mr. Usher, Clerk to the Council, and to Mr. Hanford, Finance Officer, and the staff for their kind assistance and loyal co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

REG. W. SETTLE, A.I.A.S., A.R.S.I.,  
*Surveyor.*